

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In the office action mailed March 16, 2005, the Examiner required restriction between the following two groups of invention:

- I. Claims 1-10, drawn to a casting system, classified in class 164, subclass 412; and
- II. Claims 11-18, drawn to a refractory metal core, classified in class 249, subclass 135.

Applicants hereby elect the invention of Group II, claims 11-18, for the purposes of examination. The election is made without traverse.

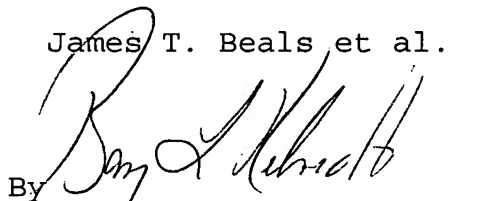
An early action on the merits is hereby solicited.

Should the Examiner believe an amendment is needed to place the case in condition for allowance, he is hereby invited to contact Applicants' attorney at the telephone number listed below.

No fee is believed to be due as a result of the instant response. Should the Director determine that a fee is due, he is hereby authorized to charge said fee to Deposit Account No. 21-0279.

Respectfully submitted,

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